



Dogskin Mountain and Granite Peak Washoe County



Location/Habitat

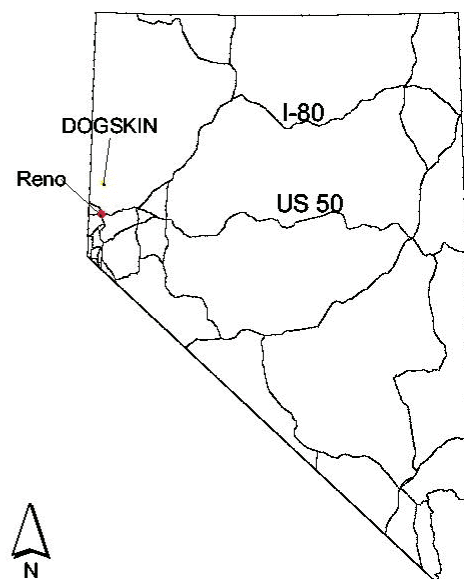
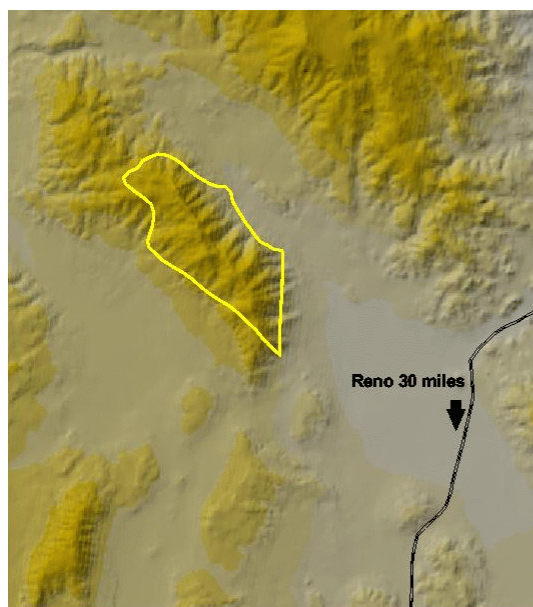
The Dogskin Mountain and Granite Peak Herd Management Areas (HMAs) are located approximately 25 miles north of Reno and are situated three miles apart. Due to their proximity to each other, some gene flow occurs between horses in these HMAs. Usually young stallions wander alone or in loose association with several other stallions.

The Dogskin Mountain HMA is situated east of Bedell Flat in the Dogskin Mountain range and encompasses 6,895 acres. Elevations range from 5,550 feet to 7,500 feet in elevation. The terrain of this HMA is very steep, rocky and rugged, which creates a horse which is surefooted and incredibly agile.

Granite Peak HMA is situated west of Bedell Flat in the Sand Hills and encompasses 3,886 acres. Elevations range from approximately 4,800 feet to 5,750.

Vegetation

Dominant vegetation is similar for both HMAs, consisting of sagebrush, rabbitbrush, cheat grass, Indian ricegrass, needle-and-thread grass and bluegrass. Additionally, pinyon-pine and juniper are abundant in portions of the Dogskin Mountain HMA.



Herd Description

Since the two HMAs are small, the appropriate management level for the Dogskin Mountains HMA is 10 to 15 animals and the HMA for Granite Peak is from 11 to 18 animals. However, the combined present population is over 100 animals.

Horses in both HMAs are predominantly black and dark bay with a few gray and grulla colors. Most of these horses range in size from 14 to 15 hands (56 to 60 inches measured from the ground to the top of their withers). Many of these horses resemble the Morgan horse.

These HMAs also provide habitat for winter and resident deer herds, pronghorn antelope, valley quail, chuckar and many other wildlife species.